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Chief Executive Officer

August 14, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: REJECT BIDS
PROJECT ID NO. SMDMDR0009
MARINA DEL REY REHABILITATION OF SANITARY SEWERS
MARINA DEL REY
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Reject all bids received on June 5, 2007, for Project ID No. SMDMDR0009, Marina del Rey Rehabilitation of Sanitary Sewers, in the vicinity of Marina del Rey (4).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to reject the bids received so that the Department of Public Works may modify the specifications and readvertise the project at a later date.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1), Fiscal Responsibility (Goal 4), and Community Services (Goal 6). The recommended action will allow the Department of Public Works to rehabilitate the existing sanitary sewers to maintain service to the community at the lowest cost possible.

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FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The cost to readvertise the project will be minimal.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 5, 2007, four bids were received for the work of this contract. After the bids were opened, project designers determined changes in the plans were necessary to prevent groundwater from entering the sewers. The potential infiltration of groundwater into the sewers through deficient house connections was not considered in the design of this project. Subsequent to the opening of bids, it was determined this should have been considered. The contract documents do not specify the necessary sealing of house connections. Because of the significant change in the scope of work, the Department of Public Works believes rejecting all bids is in the best interest of the County. Once the design has been modified, they will return to your Board with a request to readvertise this work for construction bids.

A certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposals as submitted by the bidders are included to be filed at the Executive Office.

The Instruction to Bidders included in the bid documents provides for the rejection of all bids by your Board if such action is in the best interest of the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

In accordance with Section 15378(b)(4), of the State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, approval of the recommended action does not constitute a project and, hence, is not subject to the requirements of CEQA.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

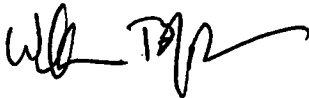
The project when readvertised will allow the Department of Public Works to maintain the highest level of sanitary sewer services to the community at the lowest cost possible.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'WTF' followed by a stylized flourish.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA
Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance